



Congresswoman

Eleanor Holmes Norton

Norton Submits New Proposal to Pass Voting Rights

What Happened and What's Next

February—D.C. House Voting Rights bill passed in the Senate, but with a sweeping gun attachment, nullifying all D.C. gun laws, mandating no limits on assault weapons or other guns or on who may own them, and stripping D.C. officials of all home rule authority to enact gun safety legislation.

Memorial Day Recess—First official word that the House had failed to muster the votes to pass the voting rights bill without the gun attachment.

June—Informed of two alternatives: take an opening for Floor consideration or accept some delay to consider options.

Today—A proposal for passing the D.C. Voting Rights bill has been submitted to House and Senate leaders. With the option to proceed later with our bill, we owed it to the city, where gun violence is always a serious problem, at least to explore the alternatives before concluding that there is no way to save any part of the District's gun safety authority. Stay tuned. Indefinite delay is not an option.



Norton pictured here with Sen. Majority Leader Harry S. Reid (Nev.), Sen. Joe Lieberman (Conn.), left, and D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, right, at a press conference discussing Senate passage of the D.C. House Voting Rights bill.



Norton at President's First Bill Signing

Norton was invited by the White House to the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which amends the Equal Pay Act that she enforced as chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton's

Annual Job Opportunities Fair

For D.C. Residents Only!

YES, WE HAVE JOBS—

Even in this Economy!

Thursday, July 16th

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Washington Convention Center

801 Mt. Vernon Place, NW, Washington, D.C.

**Remember to Bring
Copies of your resume
Valid D.C. ID**

*D.C. driver's license or non-driver's license, voter registration
or other proof of D.C. residence – (utility bills, pay stubs, leases, etc.)*

Metro, etc. ➔ D.C. Circulator, 66, 70, 71, 79, 80, 96, G2, G8, P6, X2
Green & Yellow Lines, Mt. Vernon Square / 7th Street Convention Center,
Red Line, Gallery Place / Chinatown

Parking: Meters & Private Lots

**Interactive Workshop
9:30 am–11:00 am**

- ◆ Learn about stimulus jobs in D.C.
- ◆ Write a better resume
- ◆ Boost your interview skills
- ◆ Dress for Success Fashion Show



See page 2 for jobs coming with Norton Congressional projects



Stimulus Package Brings Extra Dollars to D.C. for Jobs and Economic Development

Norton Assures \$1 Billion for D.C.—More than Seven Other States

Plus! \$1 Billion for Ward 8 Homeland Security Headquarters

D.C. Already Getting Small Business Contracts!

- ▲ D.C. minority businesses got 40 percent of the first small business contracts. Nastos Construction, Inc., based in Ward 7, received a DHS pre-construction contract, and was honored as D.C. Small Business of the Year at Norton's Small Business Fair in May.
- ▲ Norton workshops are continuing to help residents qualify for 8a minority business and other contracts. For workshop information, visit www.gsa.gov

The Congresswoman's work to make sure that in every category D.C. was treated as a state paid off handsomely for the District, which did better in stimulus funds than seven other states. Every major D.C. government program was funded to prevent layoffs and assure services, with millions more for new initiatives.

PLUS!

Also Personal Stimulus Benefits and Tax Breaks for You!

An Additional \$2 Billion A D.C. Stimulus Bonus for Jobs and D.C. Economy from Subcommittee Chaired by Norton

- ▲ One-third of federal buildings stimulus funding coming to D.C., where federal presence is primarily located.
 - ▲ Jobs for energy conservation and greening 22 federal buildings in the nation's capital.

- ▲ An \$8,000 homebuyer tax credit.
- ▲ 33 week extension of unemployment benefits, plus \$25 weekly increase.
- ▲ A \$250 one-time payment to retirees.
- ▲ \$2,500 tax credit for college tuition and related expenses.
- ▲ A 65% subsidy for COBRA continuation of health insurance premiums for up to nine months for unemployed individuals and their families.
- ▲ Sales tax deduction for new cars.

For more benefits, visit www.norton.house.gov

DHS Jobs and Pre-Apprentice Training Coming

When

After contractors are selected later this year

How

Check GSA data base listing of all jobs
Apply at job site

Who's Hiring

Hiring by construction contractors

Community Outreach

To Help D.C. Residents Get Jobs
General Services Administration

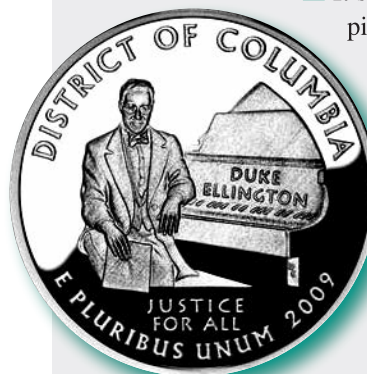
Norton Amendment Assures Pre-Apprenticeship and Apprenticeship Training



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D.C. Quarters with Duke Ellington at His Piano in Circulation After Eight-Year Fight



- ▲ It's here! Norton rolled out the D.C. coin, picturing native Washingtonian jazz great Duke Ellington, at the Smithsonian.
- ▲ First African American featured on a U.S. coin.
- ▲ Presented the first quarters to Ellington family members.
- ▲ Coin celebrated at events throughout D.C. during Ellington Week.

Norton Reaches Out for High-Profile Help on Legislative Focus on HIV/AIDS Prevention

The Congresswoman invited Chadrick Coleman, who has the virus, left, and WKYS radio personality "Big Tigger" to her press conference in the House to discuss her efforts to get more funds to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. She offers free HIV/AIDS testing at all her public events, including the upcoming job fair (see page. 1). She has succeeded in eliminating an attachment prohibiting the exchange of infected needles for clean needles from the D.C. Appropriation bill, but the congressional refusal to allow this proven prevention was an important factor in driving up the HIV rate here.



Norton's Focus on Law Enforcement Promises Gains for Public Safety

Jurisdiction Over Incarcerated and Returning Inmates Providing New Opportunities for Overdue Changes

During its economic crisis in the 1990s, D.C. asked the federal government to pay for detention of D.C. felons in federal Bureau of Prisons facilities and for parole supervision. With the change in congressional control, Norton has begun major changes in BOP treatment of D.C. inmates and overhaul of the U.S. Parole Commission.

Changes Done

- ▲ Got D.C. inmates admitted to rigorous in-prison drug program for the first time.
- ▲ Got BOP to reduce search so new facility can be closer to D.C.
- ▲ First visits and inspections by a D.C. official to D.C. inmates in BOP facilities:
 - ❖ Female inmates at the Hazelton facility in West Virginia in March.

❖ Male inmates at Rivers Institute in North Carolina, and the Federal Correctional Institute in Cumberland, Md. Last session.

- ▲ Innovative Video Town Hall meetings between D.C. residents, families, and providers with inmates at Hazelton in May and Rivers last session.
- ▲ Recognition of female parolees during visit to a D.C. halfway house in March for Women's History Month.

Changes Underway

- ▲ Transform U.S. Parole Commission to meet the needs of D.C. inmates.
- ▲ Draw plan to convert existing federal prison for exclusive use by D.C. men and women.
- ▲ Provide a facility close to D.C. for a small group of children, who have been convicted as adults and sentenced to federal prisons.

Big Changes Underway as Fulwood and Mitchell—Norton's Law Enforcement Picks—Get Nods from the President for U.S. Parole Commission



Fulwood



Mitchell

Isaac Fulwood (left), new chair, U.S. Parole Commission, has been a commissioner since 2004. He is a former D.C. police chief and chairs Norton's Commission on Black Men and Boys. Norton initially recommended Fulwood for commissioner after Sen. Tom Daschle gave her his senatorial courtesy appointment. Norton also asked President Obama to retain Cranston J. Mitchell (right), a current Republican commissioner, as the new vice chair of the bi-partisan commission.

Norton Gets Senatorial Courtesy for U.S. Attorney, District Court Judge, and Other Federal Law Enforcement Offices

Norton names 17 members to her Federal Law Enforcement Nominating Commission. Commission members screen candidates and send finalists to Norton, who sends her choices to the president.

Members of the Commission

- ▲ Chair Pauline Schnieder, a former chair of the D.C. Bar and a partner with the law firm Orrick, Herrington and Sutcliffe
- ▲ Jon Bouker, partner, Arent Fox law firm
- ▲ Katherine Broderick, dean, David A. Clarke School of Law, University of the District of Columbia
- ▲ Francis D. Carter, partner, Zuckerman Spaeder LLP, member, executive committee, and Board of Governors, D.C. Bar
- ▲ Emilio W. Cividanes, partner Venable LLC
- ▲ Thomas R. Donahue, president emeritus, AFL-CIO
- ▲ Terence C. Golden, chair, Bailey Capital Corporation
- ▲ Dr. Charles Matthew Hudson, Jr., bishop, Matthews Memorial Baptist Church
- ▲ Emma Coleman Jordan, professor, Georgetown University Law Center
- ▲ Janet Murguia, president, National Council of LaRaza
- ▲ Johnnie Scott Rice, chair and founder, National Congress of Black Women, Metropolitan Chapter
- ▲ Daniel Solomon, president, founder and trustee, DC Vote, Naomi & Nehemiah Cohen Foundation
- ▲ Robert Spagnoletti, partner, Schertler & Onorato, former DC Attorney General, and former president, D.C. Bar
- ▲ Thomas Williamson, partner, Covington & Burling LLT
- ▲ Beverly Perry, senior vice president, PEPCO
- ▲ Carrie L. Thornhill, member, DC Schools-to Careers/Youth Investment Council
- ▲ Judith Winston, former general counsel, U.S. Department of Education



Norton, who asked President Bill Clinton to name Eric Holder the first African American U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia in 1993, is pictured here congratulating Holder after she testified at his confirmation hearing where he became the first African American Attorney General.

National Bills that Matter to D.C. Moving!

Tobacco Regulation—By federal Food and Drug Administration. (Now law) ✓

First Federal Paid Parental Leave—Four weeks paid parental leave after birth, adoption, or foster care placement of a child. (Passed in the House)

Hate Crimes—Adds sexual orientation, gender identity, and disability to federal hate crime legislation. (Passed in the House)

What Do You Know About D.C.'s Power to Choose Federal Law Enforcement Officers?

1. Who was the first president to grant senatorial courtesy to choose the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia and U.S. District Court judges in the District?
2. Who became the first woman U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia when Eric Holder was promoted to Deputy U.S. Attorney General?
3. How many U.S. District Court judges here has Norton recommend to President Clinton?

ANSWERS: 1. Bill Clinton
2. Wilma A. Lewis; 3. nine

Four DCPS Students Among Nominees to Military Academies



Norton nominated her first student from McKinley Technology High School, three students from Wilson High, and two other candidates, who were accepted into the academies. Pictured here are: **Capt. James N. Rimensnyder**, Wilson, Class 1999, West Point, Class 2004; **Garrett Connell**, Wilson, West Point candidate; **Anthony Bertram Clay**, McKinley, Naval Academy Preparatory School candidate; **Michaela Noel Bilotta**, Georgetown Visitation, Naval Academy candidate; **Congresswoman Norton**; **Esmeraly Arce**, Wilson, U.S. Marine Merchant Academy candidate; **Langston Davis Clarke**, Wilson, West Point candidate; **SPC Charles Clymer**, U.S. Army, West Point candidate; **Cmdr. Kerwin E. Miller**, USN (Ret.), Naval Academy, Class, 1975, chair, Norton's Service Academy Selection Board.

Norton Hearing Assures Army Corps Won't Leave Spring Valley Clean-Up Until Congress Says So

- ▲ After the Corps told Spring Valley residents, but not Congress, it would conclude work to clean chemical weapons and unexploded ordnances in Spring Valley in two years, Norton responded with a hearing in June.
- ▲ Hearing featuring testimony from **community leaders**, federal and District officials, an expert witness, the Army, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency, the General Accounting Office, and the D.C. Department of the Environment.
- ▲ **Rejects necessity to classify** long-outdated WWI weapons as an excuse to avoid full disclosure. Gets Corps **promise to seek declassification**.
- ▲ Cites record showing that the Corps left and had to return twice when additional weapons were uncovered.
- ▲ Working with the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia to secure an **independent evaluation** following forthcoming Army Corps report on findings, with public comment.
- ▲ Gets commitment from Army and Army Corps to **maintain continuing presence** in Spring Valley.

Norton Gets Retirement Credit Restored

The House passed the Norton bill restoring retirement credit for D.C. court and corrections employees. Norton, now in the congressional majority, has fought to correct the error ever since D.C. transferred these employees to federal jurisdiction. "It mocks justice to deny employees the time they had already earned," she said.

Too Busy to Come in for Federal Benefits and Problems? Watch for My Government to Go Team Hours in Your Neighborhood

Visit us at www.norton.house.gov for more information.

JULY

- 7/ 9** Safeway 401 M Street, SW
- 7/14** Sarah's Circle (Senior Center) 2551 17th Street, NW
- 7/16** Job Fair (*See details on front page*)
- 7/21** Safeway 322 40th Street, NE
- 7/23** Giant 1535 Alabama Ave., SE
- 7/28** Philip T. Johnson Senior Center 3440 Minnesota Ave., SE
- 7/30** Safeway 3830 Georgia Ave., NW

AUGUST

- 8/4** First Baptist Senior Center 715 Randolph Street, NW
- 8/6** Safeway Store 415 14th Street, SE
- 8/11** Downtown Cluster on Aging 2700 Jasper Street, SE
- 8/13** Giant supermarket 1345 Park Road, NW
- 8/20** Safeway Store 490 L Street, NW
- 8/25** Franklin One Stop Career Center 1500 Franklin Street, NE
- 8/ 27** Safeway Store 6500 Piney Branch Road, NW

SEPTEMBER

- 9/3** Safeway 1800 20th Street, NW
- 9/10** Giant Supermarket 3336 Wisconsin Ave., NW
- 9/12-13** Black Family Reunion
- 9/17** Joint Utility Discount Day Office of People's Council 10 am – 12:30 pm
- 9/27** Fiesta DC
- TBA** H Street Festival



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